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Department of Defense[Redacted]
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence AgencyRADM JOSEPH C. STRASSER
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Joint Chiefs of StaffMR. WILLIAM B. STAPLES
Executive Secretary
Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: INF Actions for Senate Ratification (U)

I am attaching an up-to-date status report on all Q/A sets and letters requested by Senators as part of the INF ratification process. (C)

- . Your cooperation is requested in ensuring prompt completion, in all cases NLT Wednesday April 6, of all pending requirements. These include:

- Quayle/SASC Q/As (State)
- Nitze/SFRC Q/As (State)
- Response to AEI paper--NSC needs record copy (OSD)
- Lehman/SFRC IFRs (OSD)
- McClure 1/29 letter to SECDEF--NSC and agencies need record copy of response (OSD)
- Quayle 2/26 letter to Lehman (OSD)
- Pell/Helms 3/30 request for written position on five issues (State)
- Review of all transcripts--deadline 4/7 (all agencies). (C)

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Completion of these pending requirements within the stated deadline will enable the Administration to have all requested materials on the Hill before the Senate completes its Easter recess. Your assistance is appreciated. (U)

Robert M. Pento
for Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary

Attachment

Tab A Informal Status Report

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STATUS REPORT ON INF PROJECTS

This is the seventh installment of our informal status report on interagency work on Senators' questions for the record, and on other INF projects. Drafting agencies are asked to complete action on all remaining Senate requests by Wednesday, April 6 and to ensure that copies of all completed actions are promptly distributed interagency, via Executive Secretary channel. (See especially underlined items below.)

Our overall count is 1116 Q/As cleared for submission to the Hill by CDB April 1, representing 95% of all formally submitted Q's (overall total now 1170).

State:

- Wallop, 12 Qs, completed and sent to Hill February 12.
- Biden, 31 Qs, completed and sent to Hill February 17.
- Burt/Glitman/Kampelman follow-on, 10 Qs, completed interagency. Glitman/Kampelman answers sent to Hill earlier. Burt's 2 As rewritten by State due to new developments and recirculated March 3. Cleared March 3 for submission to Hill.
- Pell, first package, 131 Qs, completed and submitted to Hill February 23.
- Pell request for answers to Helms, 246 Qs: Two rounds of interagency review completed March 1. Revised package, for formal NSC clearance, received by NSC from State on March 7. Other agencies still had not received copies of new iteration. State has been requested to provide full copies to other agencies, and to ensure formal interagency clearance on Glitman/Woodworth/Partlow level. New draft on this basis provided by State p.m. March 21. NSC provided final clearance for submission to Hill a.m. March 23.
- Biden/Pell/Kerry/Pressler, i.e., second set from Biden and third from Pell: Answers submitted for each Senator individually, at State/H request. Status:
 - *Pressler: 10 Qs, completed and submitted to Hill February 19.
 - *Biden: 15 additional Qs. Completed February 23 and transmitted to Hill February 24.
 - *Pell: 40 additional Qs. Cleared, with fixes, by NSC February 26; submitted to Hill February 29.
 - *Kerry: 50 Qs, new cut received from State February 23. Extensive fixes needed. Markup provided by NSC Staff

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February 26, with request for final version to be submitted ASAP in Executive Secretary channel (with copies to other agencies) for final clearance. New cut received from State p.m. March 4, cleared by NSC for submission to Hill March 8.

-- Cohen/Boren, SSCI: 60 Qs, State TF tasked to ACDA. ACDA is pulling together interagency comments. New cut received from ACDA for final NSC clearance p.m. March 4. NSC cleared for submission to Hill March 9.

-- Munn/Warner, SASC: 78 Qs, cut down from larger packet sent informally in preparation for Glitman/Kampelman testimony on February 22. SASC staff reviewed testimony and sent formally this week. First draft of answers received from State for interagency clearance on March 3. Second draft, with agencies' comments, received March 8. NSC cleared for submission to Hill March 9.

-- Quayle, SASC: 50 Qs in letter to SecState, received February 18. Tasked within State. First draft responses received from State March 8. Packet needed extensive fixes. NSC comments provided March 17. State was requested to incorporate interagency fixes and provide final packet for NSC clearance ASAP via Executive Secretary, with copies to agencies. State indicated on March 23 that improved draft would be provided March 24. Revised draft received March 31.

-- Pell, 7 follow-up Q's to Burt. NSC gave final clearance, with fixes, to State March 4 for submission to Hill. (Note: SFPC staff called March 15 to state that packet still not received from State. Levitsky memo of March 16 indicated it subsequently went to Hill.)

-- Nitze, SFRC, 40 Q's: First draft received from State March 11. New draft, reflecting agency comments, received from State March 24. NSC provided clearance and comments on March 25. Package held up, however, due to an unanswered Q. Answer should be circulated by State for clearance ASAP.

-- Ridgway, SRFC, 10 Q's: Draft responses received from State March 4. NSC clearance, with fixes, given to State same date. New version distributed by State March 9, incorporating agency comments, and cleared by NSC for submission to Hill same date.

-- Rowny, SASC, 2 new Q's: Cleared by NSC for submission to Hill March 3.

-- Abramowitz, SSCI, received by State March 3, 54 Q's: responses prepared in Intelligence Community and sent to Hill by INR on March 14.

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-- Two Qs resubmitted by SFRC to State, on verification and linkage: expanded As circulated interagency by State and final approval given by NSC for submission to Senate March 11.

-- Follow up to Shultz March 14 SFRC testimony, 8 Q's from Sen. Helms received by State March 15. State provided draft responses for interagency clearance on March 16. New draft, with agency comments, received from State March 23. NSC provided final clearance on March 25 for submission to Hill.

-- New packet, SFRC, 5 follow up Qs to Glitman/Matheson testimony March 17: draft responses received from State March 22. NSC cleared on March 25. One answer from OSD not previously circulated. State submitted entire packet to Hill March 31 and provided record copy to S/S for interagency distribution.

-- New packet, SASC, seven follow up Qs to Glitman testimony of March 18: draft responses circulated interagency by State March 21. Guidance requested from IC. State provided new draft for clearance March 30. NSC cleared March 31.

-- Nunn, two additional Q's to Glitman received week of March 21-25, responses cleared interagency and final NSC approval provided to Ambassador Glitman March 26. Additional answer on range capability presented by Glitman/Woodworth to SFRC and SASC March 29.

DOD:

-- Pell request for answers to AEI paper, 100 "Qs", circulated for interagency clearance February 23. NSC Staff has emphasized importance of this packet and asked it to be worked as expeditiously as possible. Second iteration out for final interagency comments by March 2. DOD was requested to submit final, interagency-cleared version to NSC for final approval, with copies to other agencies, ASAP. Received from DOD March 11. NSC clearance provided on March 18 with request it be provided to Hill Monday, March 21. Finalization held up, however, by continuing OSD/State differences over two issues. These were resolved at OOB March 23 and report was cleared then for submission to Hill. NOTE: OSD is requested to provide record copy to NSC ASAP.

-- SSCI staff Q's, January 28, 6 Q/As: OSD responses provided to Hill on January 29.

-- Carlucci follow up packet, from SASC January 25 hearing, 5 Qs. Completed and sent to Hill.

-- Biden/Pell packet to Carlucci: 19 Qs; 17 of 19 fully cleared earlier interagency. Had to wait for final communique from NATO Summit to close on last two. Final NSC clearance given on these March 4.

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-- SRFC inserts for record, 9 Qs, completed and sent to Hill February 16.

-- Miscellaneous Qs from SSCI, 10 Qs: Staffed within DIA and IC. NSC asked ISP to prod on this. NSC was advised by ISP on March 17 that these were sent to SSCI by IC without further clearance.

-- Additional Q's from SSCI (Cohen/Boren), 13 Q's identified as "Question 11": Draft response received from ISP on March 16 for interagency clearance. Cleared by NSC March 17 for submission to Hill.

-- Sen. McCain, 18 Q's from January 25 SASC hearing. DOD stated they are complicated and include assessments. Five submitted interagency and cleared by NSC March 7. Final Q/As received for clearance Friday, March 11. Final approval given by NSC March 16.

-- Kerry, received February 24, 23 Qs: circulated interagency March 2. Cleared by NSC March 9, but held up by State/OSD differences over 2 Q/As. Final resolution provided by NSC March 16, for submission to Hill

-- Nunn, 3 follow-up Q's to Ron Lehman's February 16 SASC testimony: draft circulated by OSD, February 23. NSC cleared with one change February 26. Submitted to Hill.

-- Three Inserts for Record for Lehman, SFRC: DOD circulated draft responses for interagency clearance on March 30. NSC provided comments on March 31. Differences remain between OSD and ACDA. Agencies are asked to seek to resolve differences ASAP; OSD should submit revised text (bracketed, if necessary) to NSC for approval.

-- SASC staff Q on PPM "imaging": draft response received from OSD March 28 and cleared same date for submission to Hill. Submitted to Hill March 31.

-- Q/As on weapon-delivery, 5 Q/As: circulated by OSD for interagency clearance on March 29, cleared preliminarily on same date and presented orally to SFRC and to SASC staff by Ambassadors Glitman and Woodworth. Circulated by State for final interagency clearance and written submission to Hill on March 31 as part of larger package (see below).

JCS:

-- Crowe follow-up packet, Biden/Pell, 57 Qs: Received February 17. NSC received first draft responses from JCS on March 8. NSC asked JCS March 9 to circulate this packet to other agencies for clearance. NSC provided comments on March 15 and asked for new draft, reflecting NSC and agencies' comments, to be sent via Executive Secretary for final NSC approval ASAP, with

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copies to agencies. New draft received March 16. Final clearance provided by NSC March 17 for submission to Hill.

-- 14 inserts for record, circulated by JCS p.m. March 4 for clearance, with a revised answer for one of them circulated on March 9. NSC cleared for submission to Hill March 9.

-- Levin/Quayle, 3 follow-up Q's to Col. Wheeler's SASC testimony of March 18: draft A's received from JCS March 29 and comments provided by NSC same date. New draft received for NSC clearance March 31. Cleared by NSC April 1. JCS staff indicated that an additional Q/A is being worked by the IC--it is requested that copy be provided to NSC ASAP.

Other Projects:

-- ACDA paper, now titled "Topical Overview of the Negotiations," another Pell request: all agencies agreed it should be submitted to Pell, under ACDA (Eimer) cover letter, as soon as agencies were comfortable with text. ACDA provided new text for final clearance. NSC approval provided March 2, via Executive Secretary. Submitted to Senate March 4.

-- Legal analyses, another Pell request: State/L drafted response and circulated for clearance in legal channels. New draft received from State/L March 1. Final White House/NSC clearance, with fixes, provided on March 7, via Executive Secretary.

-- Art. 14 guidance packet: Full packet has been completed and cleared. Distributed interagency by NSC Executive Secretary February 24.

-- Helms letter to SecState January 26 concerning NIE 11-4-88. NSC cleared; sent to Hill March 1; State provided copies to other agencies under Reddy cover memo of March 14.

-- Helms letter to SecState February 9, asking more info on negotiating record. Ball sent interim reply February 16. Tasked by TF to L. State response sent to Senate. State provided copies of response to other agencies under Reddy cover memo of March 14.

-- JCS, six self-initiated Q/As: Completed.

-- McClure letter of January 29 to SECDEF asking detailed info on cost implications for implementing the Treaty. Draft response for NSC clearance received from OSD on March 17. Cleared by NSC same date. Awaiting SECDEF signature. OSD is requested to circulate signed copy to all agencies.

-- Senator Wilson's December 15 letter to SECDEF on Plant #19: Ikle responded on February 1.

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-- Senator Lugar's letter to Senator Baker, March 9, asking Administration position on Biden Amendment. Action completed: interagency-cleared response signed by A.B. Culvahouse March 17.

-- Cranston-Kampelman memo of March 4 on elimination of missiles prior to EIF: first draft response received from ACDA March 23, and interagency-cleared responses circulated March 24. NSC gave final approval on March 24.

-- Pell letter of February 29 to SECDEF asking a detailed report on the costs of Treaty implementation: draft response circulated interagency by OSD on March 23. Comments received. New draft circulated March 31. SFRC staff asked OSD staff on April 1 for completion same date. ACDA provided further comments on April 1, and NSC then gave final approval on same date for submission to Hill.

-- Quayle letter to Lehman of February 26 on future technologies: draft response circulated by OSD for interagency clearance on March 24. NSC requested OSD staff on March 29 to provide revised draft ASAP.

-- Review of transcripts: each agency has been requested by memorandum of March 28 from the National Security Advisor to Cabinet Principals to conduct a full review of all testimony by its officials to ensure the authoritativeness of the testimony, to annotate any concerns, and to forward the annotated transcripts to the NSC by COB April 7.

-- SFRC (Pell/Helms) request of March 30 for written statement of Administration position on 5 issues: draft response paper circulated by State for interagency clearance on March 31. NSC provided comments on same date, while withholding final approval pending full interagency clearance. We would appreciate agencies' cooperation in completing this April 1.

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